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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS TO ASSESS OXIDATIVE STRESS IN VIVO

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Dear Sirs:

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This is in response to the Office Action dated January 21, 1997. The action was made final. Please amend the application as set forth below in order to place the application in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and amend claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 14,

19 and 20 as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A method to assess oxidative stress in vivo comprising:
 - [(a) obtaining a fresh sample of lipid containing biological fluid;]
- (a) [b] measuring the amount of noncyclooxygenase derived prostanoids in [the] a biological sample [within about two hours of obtaining the sample, which is the amount of time it takes for before the ex vivo development of prostanoids in the sample;